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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

We have learned that a settlement has been reached in the Justice Department's antitrust suit against the Microsoft Corporation. The both of us support this settlement, and think it is in the best interests of the government to accept it.

By accepting the settlement, Microsoft will not be getting off easy, as its critics would like you to believe. The settlement was reached after extensive negotiations with a court-appointed mediator. Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price. Also, they have agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Windows' operating system products.

Furthermore, Microsoft has agreed to the establishment of a three person technical committee that will monitor Microsoft's compliance with the settlement, and assist with dispute resolution. We ask that the government leave Microsoft alone by not pursuing further legal action against them.

Sincerely,

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